

ELEOCHARIS PARVULA (R. & S.) LINK NEW TO ILLINOIS: The wide ranging *Eleocharis parvula* (R. & S.) Link is represented in eastern North America only by variety *parvula*, which occurs in wet saline soils mostly along the east coast from Newfoundland south to Florida and Texas. A few inland stations have also been reported for this variety, but in the central United States its distribution is limited and very sporadic. Svenson (1929, 1934), in an extensive study of the genus, reported that he had seen no specimens of *E. parvula* var. *parvula* from the interior except from New York and Michigan. Later, Fernald (1950) included Minnesota in this list, while more recently Steyermark (1963) reported its occurrence in five counties in Missouri. The authors have recently found this variety growing in east-central Illinois. The population of *E. parvula* var. *parvula* was found growing on a fairly level, muddy beach at the south edge of a small pond. The beach, which had been revealed by the low level of the pond, was caused by a prolonged summer drought. It was nearly covered by a green carpet of this species which extended over an area about 12 m long and 3 m wide. A number of common shoreline species were found scattered among this carpet of *E. parvula*. These included *Cyperus acuminatus* Torr. & Hook., *Cyperus ferruginescens* Boeck., *Eleocharis obtusa* (Wild.) Schult., *Ammannia coccinea* Rottb., *Rotala ramosior* (L.) Koehne., *Bidens frondosa* L., *Xanthium commune* Britt., and *Phyla lanceolata* (Michx.) Greene. **Illinois:** COLES COUNTY: beach of a small pond just east of Charleston at the edge of state route 16 (NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sect. 13, R9E, T12N), 4 October 1973, *Ebinger & Nyboer* 14005 (EIU); 9 October 1973, *Ebinger & Nyboer* 14089 (EIU, ILLS, ISM, SIU).

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